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# REVENUE OF \$994.9 MILLION AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE OF \$1.27

Jacksonville, FL - Landstar System, Inc. (NASDAQ: LSTR) reported diluted earnings per share of \$1.27 in the 2019 fourth quarter on revenue of \$994.9 million. Revenue in the 2019 fourth quarter was at the mid-point of the Company's guidance issued on October 23, 2019, while diluted earnings per share was below the low-end of the guidance of \$1.40. As further described later in this press release, the shortfall in diluted earnings per share to our guidance was entirely attributable to insurance and claims costs in the quarter, well above the insurance and claims costs anticipated as part of the October 23, 2019 earnings guidance. Landstar reported diluted earnings per share of \$1.68 on revenue of \$1.182 billion in the 2018 fourth quarter.

Truck transportation revenue hauled by independent business capacity owners ("BCOs") and truck brokerage carriers in the 2019 fourth quarter was \$911.8 million, or 92 percent of revenue, compared to \$1.078 billion, or 91 percent of revenue, in the 2018 fourth quarter. Truckload transportation revenue hauled via van equipment in the 2019 fourth quarter was \$571.8 million compared to \$705.0 million in the 2018 fourth quarter. Truckload transportation revenue hauled via unsided/platform equipment in the 2019 fourth quarter was \$315.2 million compared to \$346.6 million in the 2018 fourth quarter. Revenue hauled by rail, air and ocean cargo carriers was \$63.0 million, or 6 percent of revenue, in the 2019 fourth quarter compared to \$84.8 million, or 7 percent of revenue, in the 2018 fourth quarter.

Trailing twelve-month return on average shareholders' equity was 31 percent and trailing twelve-month return on invested capital, representing net income divided by the sum of average equity plus average debt, was 27 percent. Landstar purchased approximately 849,000 shares of its common stock during fiscal year 2019 at an aggregate cost of approximately \$88.6 million. As previously disclosed by the Company in a Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 10, 2019, its Board of Directors increased the number of shares of its common stock that the Company is authorized to purchase under its stock purchase program by 1,849,068 and declared a special one-time cash dividend in the amount of \$2.00 per share that was paid on January 24, 2020, to stockholders of record as of the close of business on January 10, 2020. Currently, Landstar is authorized to purchase up to a total of 3,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock under its share purchase programs. In addition, Landstar announced today that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.185 per share payable on March 13, 2020, to stockholders of record as of the close of business on February 17, 2020. It is currently the intention of the Board to pay dividends on a quarterly basis going forward. As of December 28, 2019, the Company had \$352 million in cash and short term investments and \$216 million available for borrowings under the Company's senior credit facility.

"As expected, the macroeconomic environment during the 2019 fourth quarter made for challenging comparisons against our record 2018 fourth quarter performance," said Landstar President and Chief Executive Officer Jim Gattoni. "Soft demand, driven by slowing production in the U.S. manufacturing sector, and more readily available truck capacity drove Landstar's truck rates and volumes below prior year levels in the 2019 fourth quarter. Overall, 2019 fourth quarter revenue was 16 percent below 2018 fourth quarter revenue, mostly due to a 9 percent decrease in revenue per load on loads hauled via truck and a 7 percent decrease in truck loadings. The Company's fourth quarter earnings guidance issued on October 23, 2019 anticipated fourth quarter diluted earnings per share of \$1.40 to \$1.46 reflecting insurance and claims costs at 3.6 percent of estimated fourth quarter BCO revenue. Diluted earnings per share fell below our guidance, entirely due to higher insurance and claims costs than we anticipated in our initial estimate. During the 2019 fourth quarter, we incurred \$7.2 million of

unfavorable development of prior year claims that drove actual insurance and claims costs to 5.7 percent of BCO revenue in the quarter."

Gattoni further commented, "Landstar's financial performance in 2018 was by far the best in the Company's history, making for very difficult comparisons in 2019. We experienced year-over-year declines in both truck volumes and price for much of 2019, and revenue for fiscal year 2019 was 11% below that of fiscal year 2018. Nevertheless, 2019 was still the second best financial year in the Company's history after 2018, with 2019 revenue, gross profit, operating income and diluted earnings per share each representing the second highest annual amount achieved in Landstar history."

Gattoni continued, "January of any given year is typically the slowest month of the year. Through the first several weeks of January, there has been little change in the macroeconomic environment experienced throughout 2019, characterized by soft demand, weakness in the U.S. manufacturing sector, and readily available truck capacity. Additionally, the 2019 first quarter was seasonally the strongest quarter of 2019, setting the stage for a difficult quarter-over-prior-year-quarter comparison heading into the first quarter of 2020. I expect these conditions to result in earnings in the 2020 first quarter to be well below that of the 2019 first quarter. From a revenue standpoint, the number of loads hauled via truck in the first few weeks of 2020 was below the corresponding period of the prior year in a mid-single digit percentage range, somewhat similar to the year-over-prior-year percentage decrease experienced in the 2019 fourth quarter. Revenue per load on loads hauled via truck in the first few weeks of January was below the same period of the prior year in a mid-single digit percentage range, a slight improvement to the year-over-prior-year percentage decrease experienced in the 2019 fourth quarter. I expect the volume and pricing trends experienced in the first few weeks of January to continue through the first quarter. As such, I anticipate revenue for the 2020 first quarter to be in a range of \$915 million to \$965 million."

Gattoni added that, "In early January, a BCO with a motor carrier subsidiary of the Company was involved in a tragic vehicular accident involving a fatality. The Company is still in the process of obtaining all the facts concerning this incident and, as such, it is too soon to estimate the ultimate financial exposure of this tragic accident. Current facts

as known to us indicate that it is probable this accident will adversely impact the financial results of the Company's 2020 first quarter. It is highly likely that, once all facts are determined, the estimated ultimate cost of this tragic accident will reduce first quarter diluted earnings per share to an amount below the low-end of the Company's 2020 first quarter diluted earnings per share guidance. While our evaluation is still preliminary and our investigation continues, the Company's pre-tax loss exposure at the time of this accident included our \$5 million self-insured retention and up to \$3.5 million relating to aggregate losses above our self-insured retention during an annual policy year (May 1 to April 30). Additional insurance and claims expense of \$8.5 million in the 2020 first quarter would result in a charge of \$0.16 per diluted share."

Gattoni concluded, "Based on the range of revenue estimated for the 2020 first quarter and excluding the cost of the ultimate resolution of this recent tragic accident, I would anticipate diluted earnings per share to be in a range of \$1.10 to \$1.20. This range of diluted earnings per share includes insurance and claims expense estimated at 4.0 percent of BCO revenue, representing average insurance and claims costs as a percentage of BCO revenue over the past three years."

Landstar will provide a live webcast of its quarterly earnings conference call tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. ET. To access the webcast, visit the Company's website at www.landstar.com; click on "Investor Relations" and "Webcasts," then click on "Landstar's Fourth Quarter 2019 Earnings Release Conference Call."

The following is a "safe harbor" statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements contained in this press release that are not based on historical facts are "forward-looking statements". This press release contains forward-looking statements, such as statements which relate to Landstar's business objectives, plans, strategies and expectations. Terms such as "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "intention," "expects," "plans," "predicts," "may," "should," "could," "will," the negative thereof and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements are by nature subject to uncertainties and risks, including but not limited to: an increase in the frequency or severity of accidents or other claims; unfavorable development of existing accident claims; dependence on third party

insurance companies; dependence on independent commission sales agents; dependence on third party capacity providers; decreased demand for transportation services; U.S. foreign trade relationships; substantial industry competition; disruptions or failures in the Company's computer systems; cyber and other information security incidents; dependence on key vendors; changes in fuel taxes; status of independent contractors; regulatory and legislative changes; regulations focused on diesel emissions and other air quality matters; catastrophic loss of a Company facility; intellectual property; unclaimed property; and other operational, financial or legal risks or uncertainties detailed in Landstar's Form 10K for the 2018 fiscal year, described in Item 1A Risk Factors, and in other SEC filings from time to time. These risks and uncertainties could cause actual results or events to differ materially from historical results or those anticipated. Investors should not place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements, and the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

#### **About Landstar:**

Landstar System, Inc. is a worldwide, asset-light provider of integrated transportation management solutions delivering safe, specialized transportation services to a broad range of customers utilizing a network of agents, third-party capacity providers and employees. Landstar transportation services companies are certified to ISO 9001:2015 quality management system standards and RC14001:2015 environmental, health, safety and security management system standards. Landstar System, Inc. is headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida. Its common stock trades on The NASDAQ Stock Market® under the symbol LSTR.

(Tables follow)

	Fiscal Years Ended		Fiscal Quarters Ended			nded		
	De	cember 28, 2019	De	ecember 29, 2018	D	ecember 28, 2019	De	cember 29, 2018
Revenue Investment income	\$	4,084,577 5,041	\$	4,615,144 3,816	\$	994,879 1,305	\$	1,182,351 1,062
Costs and expenses:								
Purchased transportation		3,127,474		3,569,961		761,828		911,251
Commissions to agents		342,226		378,002		84,364		102,174
Other operating costs, net of gains/losses on asset sales/dispositions		37,274		31,803		8,743		7,627
Insurance and claims		80,319		75,677		25,071		17,959
Selling, general and administrative		158,953		188,212		38,236		47,264
Depreciation and amortization		44,468		43,570		11,423		11,050
Total costs and expenses		3,790,714		4,287,225		929,665		1,097,325
Operating income		298,904		331,735		66,519		86,088
Interest and debt expense		3,141		3,354		863		899
Income before income taxes		295,763		328,381		65,656		85,189
Income taxes		68,060		73,168		15,608		16,889
Net income		227,703		255,213		50,048		68,300
Less: Net (loss)/income attributable to noncontrolling interest		(17)		(68)		-		44
Net income attributable to Landstar System, Inc. and subsidiary	\$	227,720	\$	255,281	\$	50,048	\$	68,256
Earnings per common share attributable to								
Landstar System, Inc. and subsidiary	\$	5.72	\$	6.19	\$	1.27	\$	1.69
Diluted earnings per share attributable to Landstar System, Inc. and subsidiary	\$	5.72	\$	6.18	\$	1.27	\$	1.68
Average number of shares outstanding:	·			_				
Earnings per common share		39,786,000		41,273,000		39,472,000		40,501,000
Diluted earnings per share	===	39,786,000		41,310,000	=	39,472,000	_	40,514,000
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Dividends per common share	\$	2.700	\$	0.630	\$	2.185	\$	0.165

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ASSETS		
Current assets:	Φ 040.54	15
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 319,51	
Short-term investments	32,90	01 40,058
Trade accounts receivable, less allowance of \$7,284 and \$6,413	588,54	19 691,604
Other receivables, including advances to independent	500,52	19 091,004
contractors, less allowance of \$7,667 and \$6,216	35,55	53 23,744
Other current assets	21,37	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Total current assets	997,88	
Total out on addition		
Operating property, less accumulated depreciation		
and amortization of \$280,849 and \$250,153	285,85	55 284,032
Goodwill	38,50	
Other assets	105,46	86,871
Total assets	\$ 1,427,71	11 \$ 1,380,564
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Cash overdraft	\$ 53,87	78 \$ 55,339
Accounts payable	271,99	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Current maturities of long-term debt	42,63	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Insurance claims	44,53	
Dividends payable	78,94	
Accrued compensation	9,88	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Other current liabilities	51,03	
Total current liabilities	552,90	)4 535,818
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Long-term debt, excluding current maturities Insurance claims	70,21 33,57	
Deferred income taxes and other non-current liabilities	49,55	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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Equity		
Landstar System, Inc. and subsidiary shareholders' equity		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, authorized 160,000,000		
shares, issued 68,083,419 and 67,870,962 shares	68	31 679
Additional paid-in capital	226,12	
Retained earnings	1,962,16	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Cost of 28,609,926 and 27,755,001 shares of common	, ,	, ,
stock in treasury	(1,465,28	34) (1,376,111)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,21	(5,875)
Total Landstar System, Inc. and subsidiary shareholders'		
equity	721,46	686,824
Noncontrolling interest	-	2,309
Total equity	721,46	
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 1,427,71	11 \$ 1,380,564

		Fiscal Years Ended		Fiscal Quart		rters Ended		
	De	cember 28, 2019	De	ecember 29, 2018	De	cember 28, 2019	De	cember 29, 2018
Revenue generated through (in thousands):								
Truck transportation								
Truckload:	•	0.074.400	•	0.704.404	•	574 707	•	704074
Van equipment	\$	2,371,188 1,295,817	\$	2,791,494 1,386,387	\$	571,767 315,202	\$	704,971 346,603
Unsided/platform equipment Less-than-truckload		98,324		1,366,367		24,849		26,083
Total truck transportation		3,765,329		4,280,412		911,818		1,077,657
Rail intermodal		118,305		128,976		30,750		32,950
Ocean and air cargo carriers		121,485		134,577		32,227		51,858
Other <sup>(1)</sup>		79,458		71,179		20,084		19,886
	\$	4,084,577	\$	4,615,144	\$	994,879	\$	1,182,351
Revenue on loads hauled via BCO Independent Contractors (2)								
included in total truck transportation	\$	1,831,752	\$	2,001,665	\$	441,617	\$	482,321
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Number of loads:								
Truck transportation Truckload:								
Van equipment		1,337,089		1,398,388		322,517		353,066
Unsided/platform equipment		513,579		516,613		122,467		127,854
Less-than-truckload		155,592		145,269		39,976		38,630
Total truck transportation		2,006,260		2,060,270		484,960		519,550
Rail intermodal		47,590		53,030		12,220		12,770
Ocean and air cargo carriers		30,110 2,083,960		28,970		7,960		7,720
		2,063,900	_	2,142,270		505,140	_	540,040
Loads hauled via BCO Independent Contractors <sup>(2)</sup> included in total truck transportation		954,990		949,330		232,120		231,860
Revenue per load:								
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Truck transportation Truckload:								
Van equipment	\$	1,773	\$	1,996	\$	1,773	\$	1,997
Unsided/platform equipment		2,523		2,684		2,574		2,711
Less-than-truckload		632		706		622		675
Total truck transportation		1,877		2,078		1,880		2,074
Rail intermodal		2,486		2,432		2,516		2,580
Ocean and air cargo carriers		4,035		4,645		4,049		6,717
Revenue per load on loads hauled via BCO Independent Contractors (2)	\$	1,918	\$	2,109	\$	1,903	\$	2,080
Revenue by capacity type (as a % of total revenue):								
Truck capacity providers:								
BCO Independent Contractors (2)		45%		43%		44%		41%
Truck Brokerage Carriers		47%		49%		47%		50%
Rail intermodal		3%		3%		3%		3%
Ocean and air cargo carriers Other		3% 2%		3% 2%		3% 2%		4% 2%
					De	cember 28,	De	cember 29,
						2019		2018
Truck Capacity Providers								
BCO Independent Contractors <sup>(2)</sup> Truck Brokerage Carriers:						9,554		9,884
Approved and active <sup>(3)</sup>						39,497		41,069
Other approved						39,497 16,820		17,985
					-	56,317		59,054
Total available truck capacity providers						65,871		68,938
Truska provided by PCO Independent Control (2)						10.040		10.500
Trucks provided by BCO Independent Contractors (2)						10,243		10,599

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes primarily reinsurance premium revenue generated by the insurance segment and intra-Mexico transportation services revenue generated by Landstar Metro.

<sup>(2)</sup> BCO Independent Contractors are independent contractors who provide truck capacity to the Company under exclusive lease arrangements.

<sup>(3)</sup> Active refers to Truck Brokerage Carriers who moved at least one load in the 180 days immediately preceding the fiscal quarter end.



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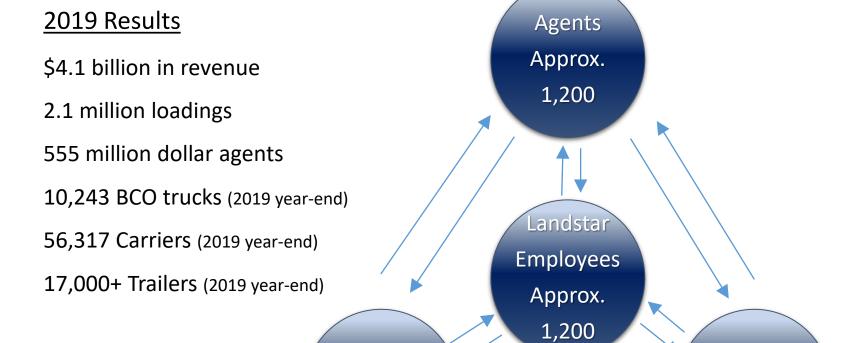
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## **Model Definition**

Landstar is a worldwide, asset-light provider of integrated transportation management solutions delivering safe, specialized transportation services to a broad range of customers utilizing a network of agents, third party capacity providers and employees.

### The Network



Capacity

65,000+

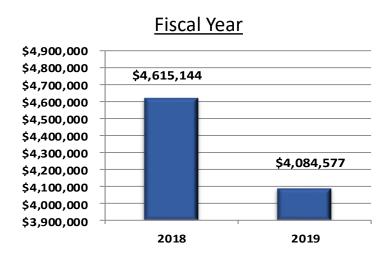
Customers

25,000+

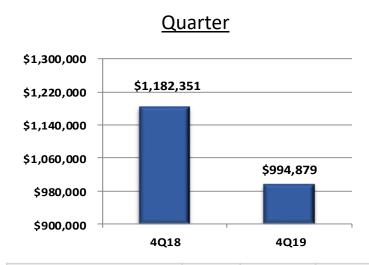
### **Transportation Management Services**

	Percentage 4Q18	of Revenue 4Q19
Truck Transportation		
Truckload		
Van equipment	60%	57%
Unsided/platform equipment	29%	32%
Less-than-truckload	2%	2%
Rail intermodal	3%	3%
Ocean and air cargo	4%	3%

### Revenue (\$'s in thousands)



Year over Prior Year	Rate (1)	Volume (2)	Change
Truck Revenue	-9.7%	-2.6%	- 12.0%
Rail Intermodal Revenue	2.2%	- 10.3%	-8.3%
Ocean/Air Revenue	- 13.1%	3.9%	-9.7%
Insurance Premiums	NA	NA	7.4%
Total Revenue			- 11.5%

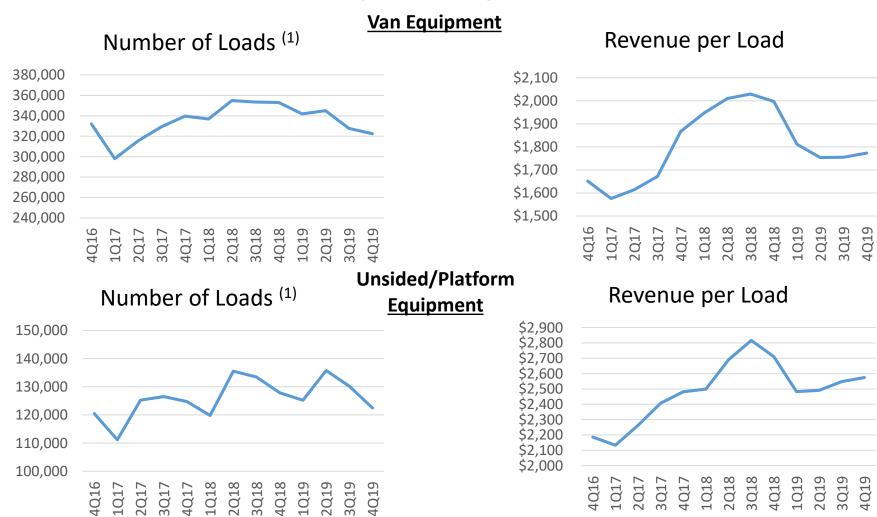


Qtr over Prior Year Qtr	Rate (1)	Volume (2)	Change
Truck Revenue	-9.4%	-6.7%	- 15.4%
Rail Intermodal Revenue	-2.5%	-4.3%	-6.7%
Ocean/Air Revenue	-39.7%	3.1%	-37.9%
Insurance Premiums	NA	NA	0.1%
Total Revenue			- 15.9%

- (1) Percentage change in rate is calculated on a revenue per load basis.
- (2) Percentage change in volume is calculated on the number of loads hauled.

### Truckload Loadings and Revenue per Load

(Excludes LTL)



<sup>(1)</sup> The Company's fiscal year ends each year on the last Saturday in December and, as such, the Company's 2019, 2018 and 2017 fourth quarters included thirteen weeks of operations whereas the 2016 fourth quarter included fourteen weeks.

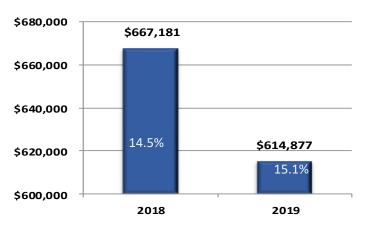
### **Industries Served**

	As a Percenta	Quarter over Prior Year Quarter		
	4Q18	4Q19	Change in Revenue	
Consumer Durables	24.2	24.6	-15%	
Machinery	13.6	14.1	-13%	
Automotive	9.1	7.7	-29%	
Building Products	8.3	9.0	-9%	
Metals	5.8	5.7	-17%	
AA&E, Hazmat	7.1	8.2	-3%	
Foodstuffs	4.1	4.5	-7%	
Energy	2.8	3.7	10%	
Other	25.0	22.5	-24%	
Transportation Revenue	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	-16%	

### Gross Profit (1) and Gross Profit Margin (2)

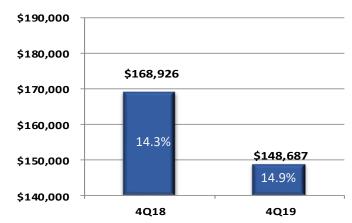
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	Fiscal Year (3)
Changes in gross profit margin	%
2018 Period	14.5
Revenue - fixed gp margin	0.2
Revenue - variable gp margin	0.3
Change in mix and other	0.1
2019 Period	15.1

### Quarter



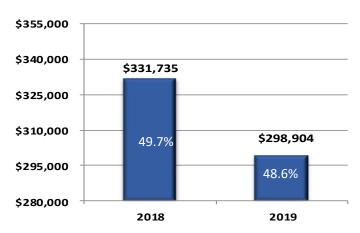
4th Qtr (3)
%
14.3
0.1
0.1
0.4
14.9

- (1) Gross profit equals revenue less the cost of purchased transportation and commissions to agents.
- (2) Gross profit margin equals gross profit divided by revenue.
- (3) Revenue on transactions with a fixed gross profit margin was 50% and 51% of revenue in the 2018 and 2019 year-to-date periods, respectively, and 48% and 51% of revenue in the 2018 and 2019 fourth quarters, respectively.

# Operating Income and Operating Margin (1)

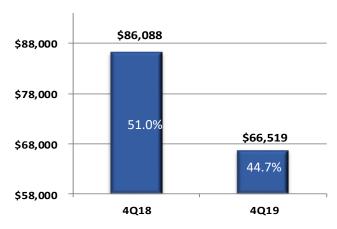
(\$'s in thousands)





	Fiscal Year
Changes in operating margin	%
2018 Period	49.7
Other operating costs	-1.3
Insurance and claims	-1.5
SG&A	2.4
Depreciation and amortization	-0.7
2019 Period	48.6

#### Quarter



	4th Qtr
Changes in operating margin	%
2018 Period	51.0
Other operating costs	-1.4
Insurance and claims	-6.1
SG&A	2.3
Depreciation and amortization	-1.1
2019 Period	44.7

(1) Operating margin equals operating income divided by gross profit.

## **Truck Capacity Data**

(All information is provided as of the end of the period)

**BCO Independent Contractors** 

Truck Brokerage Carriers:
Approved and Active (1)

Other Approved

**Total Available Truck Capacity Providers** 

Trucks Provided by BCO Independent Contractors

Dec 29, 2018 <sup>(2)</sup>	Dec 28, 2019 <sup>(2)</sup>
9,884	9,554
41,069	39,497
17,985	16,820
59,054	56,317
68,938	65,871
10,599	10,243

(1) Active refers to truck brokerage carriers who hauled freight for Landstar in the 180 day period immediately preceding the period end.

(2) Fuel surcharges billed to customers on freight hauled by BCO Independent Contractors, which are paid 100% to the BCO and excluded from revenue and the cost of purchased transportation, were \$225.4 million and \$241.7 million in the 2019 and 2018 fiscal year periods, respectively, and \$55.3 million and \$62.3 million in the 2019 and 2018 fourth quarters, respectively.

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### Key Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statistics

(\$'s in thousands)

Balance sheet	(period end	amounts):
Debt to Ca	pital	

Net Cash (1)

#### Cash flow:

Cash flow from operations
Capital expenditures
Share repurchases
Dividends paid

#### Returns:

TTM Return on Equity
TTM Return on Invested Capital
TTM Return on Assets

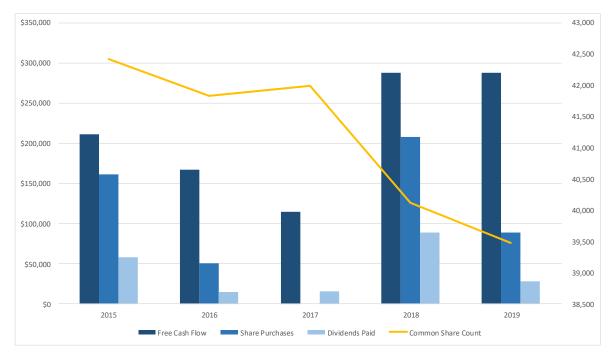
	YTD		YTD
	Dec 29,	Dec 28,	
	2018	2019	
	16%		14%
\$	111,369	\$	239,572
\$	297,901	\$	307,840
\$	9,747	\$	19,416
\$ \$	208,087	\$ \$	88,578
\$	88,918	\$	27,891
37%			31%
	32%		27%
	19%		17%

<sup>(1)</sup> Net cash is defined as cash and cash equivalents plus short term investments less outstanding debt.



### Free Cash Flow (1), Stock Purchases and Dividends





2019		(000's)		
Free cash flow (1)	\$	288,424		
Share purchases	\$	88,578		
Dividends paid	\$	27,891		
Ending common share count		39,473		

(1) Free cash flow is defined as cash flow from operations less capital expenditures, each set forth on the prior slide.





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